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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO
LIBREVILLE WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM KINSHASA, AMBASSADOR
CONFIRMED THAT CONTRACT FOR RAILROAD TIES WITH GENEROUS
CREDIT TERMS OFFERED BY ZAIRE WAS NOW 100 PERCENT FIRM.

2. IT APPEARS INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT ALGERIA AND
POSSIBLY JAPANESE WILL CONTRIBUTE O FIRST STAGE OF
RAILROAD (OWENDO-BOOUE). SPANISH AMBASSADOR STILL
HAS NO NEWS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT CONCERNING RAILROAD AND
DEPARTING GABON DECEMBER 30. HE PLANS TO RETURN LIBREVILLE
JANUARY 18 AT WHICH TIME HE WILL PRESUMABLY BRING
DECISION WITH HIM.

3. FAR FROM SHORTFALL FOR FIRST LEG OF RAILROAD IT
APPEARS INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE
OVER ABUNDANCE O FUNDS FOR FIRST LEG BY COUNTRIES (E.G.

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JAPAN) WHO WISH TO GET IN ON GROUND FLOOR TO IMPROVE

THEIR BARGAINING POSITION FOR WORK ON SUBSEQUENT LEGS
OF RAILROAD AND OTHER COUNTRIES (E.G. ALGERIA AND
SOUTH AFRICA) WHO ARE INTERESTED FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

4. GOG LETTER TO EXIM FOR PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT AWAITING
HIGH LEVEL SIGNATURE AND I PROPOSE PRESSING GOG ON THIS.
SUGGES THAT WHEN RECEIVED EXIM MOVE RAPIDLY AS TAMS,
M-K, AND GENERAL MOTORS MAY BE LEFT OUT IF NO U.S. FINANCING
AVAILABLE AND NEW SOURCES DEVELOP.
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